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SUBJECT: CYPRUS MISSING PERSONS

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1. I MET CHRISTOPHIDES AGAIN LATE AFTERNOON DEC 6. HE SAID THERE HAD BEEN TWO CHANGES IN GOC POSITION SINCE OUR MORNING MEETING (REF B). HIS SIDE HAD AGREED THAT IT COULD ACCEPT UNCHANGED THE TWO SUB-PARAS IN PARA FOUR OF REF A, THROUGH THE DROPPED TELEGRAM DEVICE, IN LIEU OF REINSERTING REFERENCE TO VOTING IN PARA ONE OF REV 4. ON THE DEBIT SIDE, THERE HAD BEEN TROUBLE WITH THE CYPRUS MISSING PERSONS COMMITTEE AS A RESULT OF WHICH GOC CAN NO LONGER ACCEPT PARA TWELVE AS WORDED. TO BE ACCEPTABLE, PARAGRAPH MUST EITHER DELETE THE PHRASE "UPON THE COMPLETION OF ITS WORK", SUBSTITUTING "HOWEVER", OR REDRAFT ENTIRE PARA TWELVE AS FOLLOWS:

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2. QUOTE NO DISINTERMENT OF MISSING PERSONS WILL TAKE PLACE. IF, HOWEVER, THE COMMITTEE SHOULD RECOMMEND THAT CERTAIN CASES CANNOT BE SATISFACTORILY RESOLVED WITHOUT DISINTERMENT, THE ICRC WILL BE ASKED TO EXERCISE RESPONSIBILITY IN THIS MATTER. END QUOTE.

3. I TOLD CHRISTOPHIDES THAT I THOUGHT WASHINGTON

REGARDS THE LANGUAGE OF REV 4 AS CLOSED.

4. I REPORTED THE OUTLINE OF MY IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING CONVERSATION WITH DENKTASH (REF C) TO CHRISTOPHIDES. HIS FIRST REACTION WAS THAT THERE IS NO POINT TO CONTINUING THIS NEGOTIATION. THE FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCE IS CLEAR. GOC MUST HAVE REFERENCE TO MAJORITY DECISION IN SOME FORM; DENKTASH REJECTS THIS. I ADVISED CHRISTOPHIDES OF DENKTASH'S REMARKS ABOUT BEING QUITE PREPARED FOR THIRD COMMITTEE DEBATE SINCE TURKISH SIDE CAN STAND ON ITS HAVING ACCEPTED REV 4 IN TOTO. I SUGGESTED CHRISTOPHIDES TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT DENKTASH'S POINT OF VIEW (PARA FOUR REF C), AND HE CAME UP WITH THE FOLLOWING FOR ME TO CARRY BACK TO DENKTASH:

5. QUOTE THE SUCCESS OF THE COMMITTEE WILL DEPEND ON GOOD WILL. IF THERE IS GOOD WILL, DECISIONS WILL NATURALLY BE BY CONSENSUS. THERE MAY, HOWEVER, BE CASES WHERE DIFFERENCES OF VIEW DEVELOP. THE ICRC MEMBER WILL IN SUCH CASES PLAY A MAJOR ROLE IN PRODUCING AGREEMENT, BUT IN THE ABSENCE OF AGREEMENT THE MAJORITY VIEW WILL PREVAIL. END QUOTE.

6. CHRISTOPHIDES SAID THAT ACCEPTANCE OF LANGUAGE IN PRECEDING PARA WOULD BE CONTINGENT UPON GOC'S BEING SATISFIED REGARDING PARA TWELVE, REV 4.
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7. I WILL NOW CARRY GOC ALTERNATIVE ON PARA TWELVE AND COUNTER PROPOSAL ON VOTING PROCEDURE IN PARA FIVE ABOVE TO DENKTASH. I DOUBT THAT HE WILL ACCEPT EITHER. I WILL ALSO MENTION NIMETZ' SUGGESTION THAT "AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME, BY CONSENSUS" BE SUBSTITUTED FOR "UPON COMPLETION OF ITS WORK" IN PARA TWELVE.

8. I HAVE MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO REACH CHRISTOPHIDES BY TELEPHONE THIS EVENING, BUT UNLESS I HAVE SOMETHING POSITIVE TO CONVEY TO HIM, THE NICOSIA WORKING DAY WILL EFFECTIVELY END AFTER MY COMING MEETING WITH DENKTASH, AS THE PARTICIPANTS HAVE SOCIAL COMMITMENTS.
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